



**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**  
**THE SECRETARY**  
WASHINGTON, DC 20410-0001

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Dear Executive Director:

Father's Day 2014 is on Sunday, June 15. Please join in to make it a special day for the families of public housing, as part of HUD's Reconnecting Families and Dads Initiative (RFD). Since the beginning of the RFD in 2010, a growing number of public housing authorities have joined in each year to encourage connections between male mentors and children. Last year, more than 300 public housing authorities hosted fathers and their children at Father's Day events.

By participating in Father's Day 2014, you can demonstrate your agency's commitment to improving the quality of life for children by supporting responsible male involvement in their lives. Forming national partnerships and coordinating local resources makes planning and hosting this fun and life-changing event easier—regardless of the size of the event.

Please log onto [www.hud.gov/fathersday](http://www.hud.gov/fathersday) to find information from housing authorities near you that hosted events in 2013. There you will find tips on ways that your agency can coordinate plans and reach out to others who are committed to a quality life-experience for children. For instance, involving mothers and asking them to recall the parts that male role models played in their lives opens healthy dialogue. A Father's Day event is also a way to engage both men and women to get involved, or to get more involved, in the lives of their children.

I hope that you will not pass up this opportunity to make a positive difference for a child.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Shaun Donovan", is positioned above the printed name.

Shaun Donovan